

TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2335 PLAZA DEL AMO
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA 90509
TELEPHONE (310) 533-4200

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HEIDI A. ASHCRAFT
DR. WILLIAM R. BLISCHKE
JOHN L. EUBANKS
GARY S. KUWAHARA
BETH WILSON

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS
DR. ARNOLD C. PLANK

April 30, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education and staff, I would like to thank you for your dedicated efforts to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and to give students distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our schools desperately need discounts on the equipment necessary for Internet access (internal wiring, routers, and network servers) as well as discounts on installation of data lines and on maintenance costs. The installation of a single high-speed data line for a school can be as much as \$1600. Multiply this by the number of schools in our District and Internet access has been put out of reach for many students. We cannot educate the leaders of tomorrow with yesterday's tools.

We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Arnold C. Plank
Superintendent

ACP:kk

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

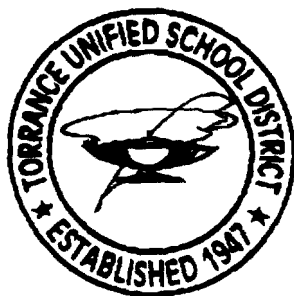
Federal

Commission

APR 30 6 07 11 '97

OFFICE OF
COP. MRS. J. B. B. B.

RECEIVED

**TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2335 PLAZA DEL AMO
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA 90509
TELEPHONE (310) 533-4200

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HEIDI A. ASHCRAFT
JOHN A. BUSCHKE
JOHN A. BANKS
GARY S. KUWAHARA
BETH WILSON

SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS
DR. ARNOLD C. PLANK

April 30, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 832
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a Coordinator of Curriculum from Torrance Unified School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Teachers in Torrance Unified School District are extremely interested in accessing the Internet from their classrooms to enhance instruction. Furthermore, we believe that connecting each classroom to the Internet will afford our students the best opportunity to be prepared for the challenges to citizens - the 21st century.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Y. Adams
Coordinator of Curriculum

SYA/dh

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

APR 30 1997

OFFICE OF
COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVED

Alice M. Farling, Ed.D
2126 N St. NW
Washington, DC 20037
email: Alfarling@aol.com

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
MAY 1 1997
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
EX PARTE OR LATE FILED
APR 30 1997

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997 April 30, 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

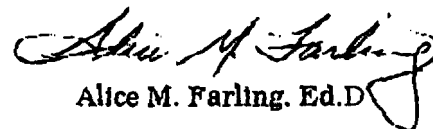
Thank you for your commitment to providing affordable access to the Information Superhighway for all public schools and libraries in our nation.

As an educator who has worked with some of nation's poorest children, I know first hand how important it is to guarantee universal access. Furthermore, access must be available *in the classroom*--where students learn.

I urge your full support of the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan. Deep discounts are essential if we are to reach all of our nation's children--even the poorest among them.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Alice M. Farling, Ed.D

From: Teddy Vuljan <tvuljan@lick.pvt.k12.ca.us>
To: A7.A7(sness)
Date: 4/24/97 12:05pm
Subject: CC Docket No. 96-45

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
RECEIVED
EX PARTE OR LATE FILED MAY 1 1997

Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I appreciate your commitment to ensure that our nation's schools and libraries will not be denied affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

As an independent school headmaster, I write to support the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan which will guarantee that all schools, even the poorest, will be able to link to the Internet and capitalize on distance-learning opportunities. This \$2.25 billion per year will address the needs of all of our schools by bringing services straight to students in their classrooms. I want to underscore how important it is that you include internal classroom connections and Internet Service Provider costs for discounts. The very quality of our nation's workforce of the future is dependent on this plan.

As we are about to hook our new library and more than 50 new computers to the Internet, the discounts will be very significant for our school. Our students will suffer if we do not receive deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Albert M. Adams, Ed.D.
Headmaster
Lick-Wilmerding High School
755 Ocean Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112

Teddy Vuljan
Lick-Wilmerding HS, SF, 415 333-4021 tvuljan@lick.pvt.k12.ca.us

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 23, 1997

TRANSMITTED BY FAX

MAY 1 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As a superintendent of schools from a school district in a state which is always struggling to advance technologically, I am most appreciative of your attention to the matter pending before the Commission regarding school districts and education generally. The need to maintain affordable access to the internet technology is a critical educational issue.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision to grant reduced prices for school districts will enable many of us to maintain the network connections and to provide enhanced distance-learning opportunities which would not be otherwise available.

Providing services directly to individual classrooms for use by our students through the proposed discounts of more than \$2 billion annually will be a tremendous assistance. It is also important that internal classroom connections be covered by a discounted rate structure. Most school districts simply do not have the resources to pay prevailing rates for networking costs.

I would also encourage you to minimize the paperwork required of local school districts for participation in this program. The FCC should continue its position of leadership by making it practical, economical, and simple for the education community to access the Information Superhighway.

Thank you for your leadership. Our students need the enhanced opportunities this can provide.

Sincerely,

Benny L. Gooden, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

BLG/rf

From: Perry McCabe <perry.mccabe@mcpherson.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 4/21/97 11:00am
Subject: RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the Board of Education of McPherson USD 418, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

McPherson USD 418 has a plan for connecting all classrooms, labs, and offices to the Internet through our local cable television (Multimedia Cablevision) in conjunction with Southwestern Bell and an internet service provider. However, such services are very expensive and the ability to maintain them in the face of other needs is often difficult. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. On behalf of the Board of Education of McPherson USD 418, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thanks you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Perry McCabe, Assistant Superintendent for Business
McPherson USD 418
514 North Main
McPherson, Kansas 67460

CC: A7.A7(sness)

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997



RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS

APR 15

4 42 PM '97

P.O. BOX 23387 • GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN 54305

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: 200 S. BROADWAY
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN 54303

THOMAS M. JOYNT, Ph.D., SUPERINTENDENT
PHONE: (414) 448-2100

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

April 10, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

The Superintendent and Director of Technology for the Green Bay Area Public School District, would like to applaud your efforts to provide discounted educational rates for telecommunications services.

Heretofore, our attempts to provide Internet access for our schools has been severely restricted, due to budgetary constraints and high associated costs, to a variety of dial up methods to access a single 56 KB line from the District Office to our Internet provider. If more economical rate structures were available, we would like to implement leased lines to an Internet Service Provider from each high school and, possibly, from other distributed clusters of schools.

A recent letter to the editor in the Green Bay Press Gazette, Sunday, April 6, 1997 narrated the frustrations one of our high school students experienced trying to access the Internet due to our limited connectivity and the need to carefully allocate such an expensive resource.

Please continue your support to assure that the final regulations governing the "E-rate" telecommunications discounts actually facilitate our schools' ability to accomplish the goals intended without cumbersome restrictions being tagged on to appease various vested interests.

Sincerely,

DR. THOMAS M. JOYNT
Superintendent of Schools

GEORGE A. SMITH, PH. D.
Director of Technology

GAS/mwpg

Sandman Consolidated School
838 Seashore Road
Cape May, NJ. 08204
(609) 884-9410

Maud Abrams School
714 Town Bank Road
Cape May, NJ 08204
(609) 884-9420

Lower Township Elementary School District

834 Seashore Road
Cape May, N.J. 08204

609-884-9400

FAX 609-884-1821

Memorial School
2600 Bayshore Road
Villas, NJ 08251
(609) 884-9430

Carl Mitnick School
905 Seashore Road
Cape May, NJ 08204
(609) 884-9470

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

April 10, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

MAY 1 1997

APR 15 4 49 PM '97

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUZANNE M. NESS

RE: CC Docket No. 96-197

Dear Commissioner Ness:

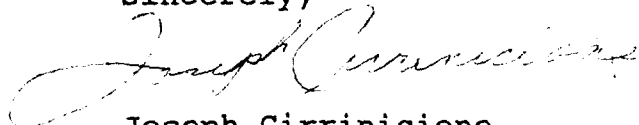
I would like to introduce myself as the Superintendent of the Lower Township Elementary Schools. My appreciation is extended to you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will provide services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is necessary for providing the knowledge to our future workforce.

Reduced rates will allow students and school professionals to connect more frequently to a variety of resources providing greater access to the world-wide community. At this time, schools are limited by the constraints of costly message units, particularly in utilizing multiple ISDN connections for quality Interactive Television. Affordable access will encourage libraries and other agencies to provide more extensive services to schools.

I urge the FCC give their full support to the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,



Joseph Cirrinicione
Superintendent



The Perfect Balance

9 April 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Room 832
Washington, DC 20554

• 1300 North Sepulveda Boulevard
Post Office Box 49325
Los Angeles, California 90049
(310) 476-8585 / 476-0916 Fax

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED
RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS
MAY 15 4 43 PM '97
DOCKET FILE COPY

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

MAY 1 1997

Dear Commissioner Ness:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Deborah Richman, and I am the Head of School at the TURNINGPOINT School. TURNINGPOINT is an independent, coeducational elementary school in Los Angeles; I am writing because we are one of the many public and private institutions who benefit from your dedication to ensuring that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to all the educational opportunities afforded by the Internet. Each penny of the \$2.25 billion per year will directly benefit our country's children by bringing the most current technology and information into our classrooms. It is vital that you include discounts for internal classroom connections as well Internet Service Provider costs. This plan is essential to our children's education and future.

The cost of private education is rising at an enormous rate to try to compensate for the increasing and never-ending costs of computer technology, but independent schools like TURNINGPOINT would be unable to afford such essentials without these most important discounts for classrooms. Our students' futures depend on these telecommunications discounts. I strongly urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Richman
Head of School

DR/mf



Kings County Office of Education

Gene Billingsley, Superintendent

Location
1144 W. Lacey Boulevard
Telephone (209) 584-1441

Mr. John Boogaard
Mr. Jim Focht

BOARD MEMBERS
Mrs. Larella Howe

Mr. Scott Clark
Mrs. Beth Rust

Mapping Address
Kings County Government Center
Hanford, CA 93230

April 9, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the fourteen school districts in Kings County, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

In a continuing effort to provide the highest quality of Internet services to our students, our future, we intend to use the discounts in a fashion which will provide more free home dial-up for students; increase the speed of access; bring the other 50 percent of the schools within our county on-line; and provide discounts to districts currently on-line.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for Universal Service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gene Billingsley
Gene Billingsley

Kings County Superintendent of Schools

GB:cm

EX PARTE OR LATE

DOCKET FILE COPY

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

APR 15 4 49 PM '97

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS

April 4, 1997

Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 832
Washington, DC 20054

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a faculty and technology committee member from Regional School District #17, Haddam-Killingworth, in Connecticut, and would like to thank you and the FCC Commissioners for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. The plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Discounts provided through the proposed Joint Board's plan will enable our rural district of 5 schools to provide equal access to telecommunications in all schools and classrooms. We are extremely limited at this time due to telephone line charges being charged at commercial rates.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maureen Fitzpatrick

Maureen Fitzpatrick

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS

APR 15 4 49 PM '97

Maureen Fitzpatrick
882 North Colony Road, #69
Meriden, CT 06450

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

FEDERAL

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION

CUBA-RUSHFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

5476 Route 305 N., Cuba, New York 14727-9208

Telephone 716 968-2650
Fax 716 968-2651
Elem. Fax 716 968-3181
Rushford Campus 716 437-2217

MICHAEL T. O'BRIEN
Superintendent

BARBARA J. FUNK
Middle-High School Principal

MICHAEL W. KUNZ
Elementary Principal

THOMAS L. LARSON
Elementary Principal

April 7, 1997

Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

My name is Michael O'Brien, and I am the Superintendent of the Cuba-Rushford Central School District located in the Southern Tier approximately sixty-five miles south of Buffalo. We are a poor, rural school district, serving approximately 1400 children in grades K-12.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan that you are recommending will guarantee that even schools such as Cuba-Rushford will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities for our students. The plan, as I understand it, will address the needs of our district, and importantly, it will also bring services directly to the classroom where the students reside. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing students for the future.

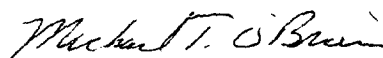
The Cuba-Rushford Central School District merged approximately six years ago and we are very fortunate to receive funding that enabled us to provide technology opportunities for our students. The cost of services is extreme and we are concerned about the use of this equipment in the future because of these costs. The discount is essential.

Small rural districts such as ours need the distance learning to bring programs to our schools that only suburban schools can now have. We have provided a distance learning lab and the connections cost us approximately \$1500 per month. We cannot afford this for long.

Our students need the discounts for telecommunications services immediately. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

In Education,



Michael T. O'Brien
Superintendent

MTO/da
c: Apr. Letters
Ness

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

EX PARTE OR LATE
FILE COPY ORIGINAL

APR 15 4 49 PM '97

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS



RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS
St. Vincent's Academy
207 East Liberty Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401
APR 15 4 45 PM '97

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED
DOCKET FILE COPY
SCHOOL OFFICE
PHONE 236-5508
FAX 236-7844
ORIGINAL

April 7, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 200554

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

CC: Docket #96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

In October I, and members of my staff, wrote to Chairman Hundt in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. As the date of the FCC vote on final regulations governing "E-rates" nears, I write again to urge your support. Students in public, private and parochial schools need these services if they are to be informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that all of our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's work force.

The Federal Communications Commission has the opportunity to support the Federal-State Joint Board's positive implementation plan. Please ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to school and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab, library and work station.

Thank you for your attention and for your courage in acting upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Sister Helen Marie Buttiner, R.S.M.

Sister Helen Marie Buttiner, R.S.M.
Principal



JAMES F. BURGETT
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

RECEIVED

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

APR 15 4 48 PM '97

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
1800 LINDENTHAL AVENUE
P.O. BOX 149
HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS 62249-0149
TELEPHONE 618-654-2106
FAX 618-654-5424

CC 96-45
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

EX PARTE OR FILED
PATSY SCHWARM
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - INSTRUCTION
DENNIS BRUEGGEMANN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS

April 9, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RECEIVED
MAY 1 1997

Dear Commissioner Ness:

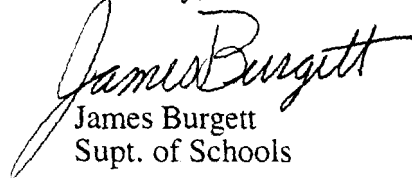
I am the superintendent of Highland Community Unit School No. 5, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

We are implementing technology throughout the district and we serve as a site of technology classes offered by our local community college. The current cost of access causes us to limit our growth and development in this area. We need to experience substantial discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


James Burgett
Supt. of Schools

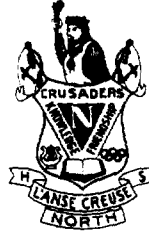
mg



L'Anse Creuse High School - North

23700 21 Mile Road • Macomb, Michigan 48042-5106

(810) 598-3600 • Fax (810) 598-3616



SUPERINTENDENT
John R. Armstrong

PRINCIPAL
Thomas B. Denewith

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPALS
Gerald A. Donnell
Melinda J. Goug
Stephen M. Schieiche

April 10, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W., Room 832
Washington, D. C. 20554

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

Federal

Dear Commissioner Ness:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

The Telecommunication Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools, regardless of finances, will have an equal chance to connect to the Internet to allow distance-learning opportunities for all students. The \$2.25 billion a year will speak to the needs of all schools and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

My budget in my high school is limited and what our district can save will help me at the building level. Including internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to my budget. The discounts will allow me to make the Internet available to all students and staff! This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

Please understand, our students need the big discounts for telecommunication services this year! I encourage and urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Denewith
Principal

TBD/las



DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

YORK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

1005 WEST MAIN
THOMSON, IL 61285

Telephone 815-259-2489
Fax 815-259-2480

MAY 1 1997

Dear Honorable James Queillo

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Libraries and Schools

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow libraries and schools significant discounts for telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with Internet. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools and ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone.

Sincerely

York Township Public Library Board Members

Virginia Petersen
Lynn Bower
Violetta Atherton
Fran Donato
Carolyn Carroll

Mary A. Falls
Deanna Kamen
Dorrie Stein
Joe Meck



Jim Ray, Ph. D.
Superintendent

Spartanburg County School District Three

Post Office Box 267 • Glendale, South Carolina 29346 • (864) 579-8000

Share The Pride

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

April 23, 1997

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

APR 28 4 16 PM '97

MAY 1 1997

The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am Superintendent of Spartanburg County School District Three, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

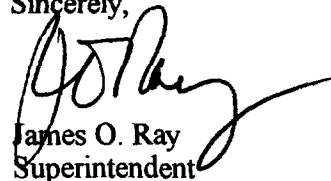
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-rate discounts will give our district the opportunity to take advantage of this vast and far-reaching tool called the Internet. Our students, teachers, and surrounding community will benefit in so many ways that this letter can only scratch the surface. Students can gain instant access to the knowledge base of not only our local colleges like Wofford but distant universities like Harvard. Students and teachers will be able to consult with other students, teachers and professionals from around the world. Teachers will be able to enrich their lesson plans with so many resources that it is really not comprehensible. Teachers will send E-mail to parents about their child's achievements and areas for improvement every day if necessary. A new avenue of communication will be created between the district and the community through E-mail and World Wide Web pages. This will allow the district to keep parents and community members better informed about policies and happenings in the district. Hopefully this will create a feeling of ownership within the surrounding community so that our district may benefit from more community participation. The opportunities created by Internet access are really only limited by the imagination of those who use it.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



James O. Ray
Superintendent

JOR/jt



EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

APR 28 4 17 PM '97

6885 ORANGETHORPE AVE. • BUENA PARK, CA 90620-1398 • (714) 522-8412 • FAX (714) 994-1506

JAMES V. QUELLO

April 22, 1997

Commissioner James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room #802
Washington, D.C. 20554
RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

GOVERNING BOARD

Lloyd G. Davis
President

Elizabeth Swift
Clerk/President Pro Tem

Mary Fuhrman
Member

B. Buck Levine
Member

Lori Nielsen
Member

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally-elected school board member from Buena Park School District and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

Carol Holmes Riley, Ed.D.
Superintendent

George Cottrell, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent,
Administrative Services

Cindy M. Stewart, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent,
Educational Services and
Certificated Personnel

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Fuhrman
Governing Board Member

MF/jm



CC96-45

Pasadena Unified School District
Board of Education

351 SOUTH HUDSON AVENUE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91109
AREA CODE 818 • TELEPHONE 795-6981

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

MS. LISA H. FOWLER
DR. JACQUELINE M. JACOBS
MR. GEORGE A. PADILLA
MRS. ANNE PURSEL
REV. GEORGE VAN ALSTINE

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

April 22, 1997

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

Ms. Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Ness:

I am writing as a Member of PUSD's Board of Education. The program the FCC is considering which would start an "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program would go a long way to help PUSD bring much needed skills to its students in this urban setting. It has become clear to me that in order to be sure our students are competitive as adults they must be comfortable with and knowledgeable about the Internet and E mail. It is up to the schools since most of our families do not own computers.

Please support the program with no reduction in size and the proposed regulations. Specifically, we need the inclusion and discounts of internal classroom connections as our budget is inadequate to the task.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne W. Pursel, Member
Board of Education

AWP:eh

APR 20 1997

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

DELANO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

1405 - 12th Avenue, Delano, California 93215 (805) 721-5000 Fax (805) 725-2446

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

RECEIVED

April 21, 1997

MAY 1 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:


I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Delano Union Elementary School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. Also, I urge you to include Frame Relay Connections as part of this discount program. This is an essential technology that was omitted from the original proposal.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Frank Herrera
President, Board of Trustees

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMUNICATIONS
APR 28 4 27 PM '97



Elko County School District

Central Administrative Office

TELEPHONE (702) 738-5196

FAX (702) 738-5857

P. O. BOX 1012

Elko, Nevada 89803

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

April 21, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket Number 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As Director of Instruction for Elko County School District, I am writing to urge your support for the "E-rate" discount. As a geographically large rural school district located in Northeastern Nevada it has been difficult to bring technology to our schools located in isolated parts of the county. We have several communities that have high levels of minorities and poverty with little in the way of the infrastructure to access technology and I see potential in this proposal to significantly impact our ability to provide connectivity.

In particular the communities in Owyhee, Nevada (Native American Reservation) and Jackpot, Nevada (High Hispanic Population) would be a high priority for Elko County School District to seek out and provide telecommunication infrastructure discounts for Internet and distance learning opportunities under this act.

Your efforts in support of this act can help our most rural and under-served populations gain affordable access to the information superhighway.

Sincerely,

William McLeod
Director of Instruction

cc: Marcia R. Bandera, Superintendent

APR 20 4 27 PM '97

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS

RECEIVED

Merced County Office of Education

Ronald Tiffie, Superintendent



April 24, 1997

An Affirmative Action/
Equal Opportunity Employer

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 832
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you regarding the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from the Merced County Office of Education, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


SYBIL CROOKHAM, Chairperson
Merced County Board of Education

SC:eem

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
MAY 1 1997



EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

ANAHEIM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 24, 1997

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

1001 South East Street
Anaheim, CA 92805 - 5749
Phone (714) 517 - 8500
FAX (714) 517 - 8538

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am the Superintendent of Anaheim City School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need those discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Roberta Thompson
Superintendent

RT:dt

APR 28 11 27 AM '97

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
SUSAN NESS

a great place to learn!

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a teacher from Oquirrh Hills Middle School Riverton, Utah. We prepare teenage learners for employment in a variety of careers that involve familiarity with computer technology. I am very interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to the Internet as part of their educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce under prepared for the 21st Century.


Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology. m

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will make it possible for even the poorest schools in rural areas, such as ours, to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning. The \$2.25 billion per year will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

In our computer labs and classrooms, we want every student to learn to use the Internet and maintaining low rates will be critical in helping us provide this opportunity.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Wood
Oquirrh Hills Middle School
Riverton, Utah 84065

APR 29 10 07 AM '97

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

RECEIVED

MAY 1 1997

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a teacher from the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center in Richfield, Utah. We prepare adult and teenage learners for employment in a variety of technical careers that involve familiarity with computer technology. I am very interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to the Internet as part of their educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce underprepared for the 21st Century.

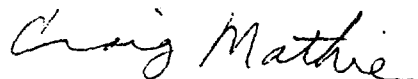
Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will make it possible for even the poorest schools in rural areas, such as ours, to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning. The \$2.25 billion per year will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

In our technical center, we want every student to learn to use the Internet and maintaining low rates will be important to help us provide this opportunity.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Craig Mathie
Sevier Valley ATC
Richfield, Utah

APR 29 10 07 AM '97

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF
COMMUNICATIONS
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION